



**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
BOND TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING**

5:00 P.M. Thursday, November 3, 2011

**Gateway to the Preserve
18333 N. Thompson Peak Parkway
Scottsdale, AZ**

Call to Order/Roll Call: 5:05 p.m.

Present: Wayne Ecton, Charley Freericks (5:08 p.m.), Judy Frost (Vice Chair), John Gulick III (Chairman), Bob Kammerle, Joanne Copper Phillips, Teresa Kim Quale, Sue Sisley (5:15 p.m.)

Absent: Bill Heckman

1. Approval of October 20, 2011 Summarized Meeting Minutes
Approved 6:0;
Motion by Teresa Kim Quale; 2nd Joanne Copper Phillips
2. Overview, presentation and discussion of departmental/divisional Capital Project needs – Desert Discovery Center (DDC) – *John Sather, Swaback Partners*

Kroy Ekblaw, Executive Assistant, Strategic Projects, presented background information regarding the Desert Discovery Center (DDC); the The DDC Committee was established by Council in April. Its focus is to look at funding options, management operations, government structure, etc. including the preserve and zoning ordinance how the DDC concept could fit into the current landscape. The committee will provide a recommendation to Council (and possibly the Task Force) which should be available in January/February 2012.

The project is estimated at \$74 million and will look to funding from private and public sources, with a possible \$30 to \$50 million from bond funding.

Kroy introduced John Sather, the lead Consultant with Swaback Partners, who showcased the varied project boards and explained the design concept for the Desert Discovery Center; with full funding the project could be completed within 2 to 3-years,. Mr. Sather answered questions from the members and concluded the presentation.

Public Comment – Melinda Gulick, member of Phase III Committee and community volunteer

This has been a 25-year dream to have a facility of this nature in the Preserve; Scottsdale is worthy of this type of investment and this type of world class destination. The Sonoran Desert is unique in the world and this facility would allow a teaching opportunity for Scottsdale residents, visitors and children. The tourism community has been very supportive. In order to be a difference maker, this project has to have a critical mass and attendance level at the very beginning. The question of phasing is a very important - local examples of facilities built over time include the Desert Botanical Gardens and Phoenix Art Museum; we must build enough of it (DDC), even if it's not the entire structure; as projected attendance is at least 260,000 per year; the Gateway's current yearly attendance is estimated at 100,000. This is a worthy project.

3. Presentation and discussion of Public Art as part of the city's Capital Improvement Program – *Valerie Vadala-Homer, Public Art Staff*

Valerie Vadala-Homer, Director of Public Art and Vice President of the Scottsdale Cultural Council presented the importance of public art within the Capital Improvement Program and the Scottsdale community. Public art includes public access facilities, municipal buildings as well as roadways.

The mission of the program is to make Scottsdale one of the most desirable places to live, work and visit - with art, wonderful parks and recreation. Public art helps to create jobs and contributes to the economic development of the community.

Public Art is part of the Capital Improvement process – City Code Section 21-121, mandates that the City commit 1% of its Capital Improvement program to public art. Public Art is not requesting direct funding from the bond program.

4. Update and discussion on status of Bond Task Force Work Plan – *Derek Earle, City Engineer*

The Task Force will continue to follow its Work Plan and begin the transition into the process of project review and consideration.

Erin Walsh, Public Information Officer, provided information on the departmental projects reviewed and upcoming meetings and locations. Maps were provided of each project location and members were encouraged to self-tour at their convenience. An Excel spreadsheet or map will be developed to help identify all projects and locations as time approaches for project deliberation.

Erin will assist in facilitation when the group begins the project review process and eventual packaging of the bond projects that will be presented to Council; an updated website will also launch to begin the public involvement phase – solicit input on- line and gain more public involvement at the meetings.

5. **Public Comment**

Citizens may address the members of the Bond Task Force during Public Comment. This “Public Comment” time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agendized items. However, State law prohibits the Bond Task Force from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda.

6. Next meeting date – **November 17, 2011**

7. Adjournment: **7:17 p.m.**

Members of the public body are prohibited from discussing issues raised during public comment, other than to: direct staff to study the matter, respond to criticism, or schedule the matter for further consideration at a later date [ARS § 38-431.01(G)].



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